

**REDMOND CITY COUNCIL
PARKS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

Council Conference Room
15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond, Washington

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Council:

Angela Birney, Chair
Kim Allen, Member
Hank Myers, Member
David Carson (*Attending Council Member*)
John Stilin (*Attending Council Member*)
Hank Margeson (*Attending Council Member*)

Staff:

Alaric Bien, Senior Planner
Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts
Administrator
Rachel Van Winkle, Recreation Program
Administrator
Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director
Maxine Whattam, Director of Parks and Recreation
B. Sanders, Senior Planner
Lisa Singer, Senior Engineer
Cheryl Xanthos, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Convened: 4:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:26 p.m.

Committee Chair Angela Birney called the meeting to order, reviewed attendance, and overviewed the agenda.

Senior Center Donation (*this item was added at the time of the meeting*)

Ms. Katie Anderson, Deputy Parks Director, stated that the Senior Center received a donation from the estate of a long-time Senior Center member and volunteer in the amount of \$10,788.50. The donation needs Council approval. This item will go forward at the October 18, 2016, regular business meeting for approval.

General discussion ensued regarding who made the donation and recognition of the gift.

Food Drive Debrief

Mr. Alaric Bien, Senior Planner, thanked the Council members for volunteering at the food drive. The total pounds of food and money donated exceeded last year: 6,619 pounds of food (26 percent increase over last year) and \$817 in cash (15 percent increase over last year).

General discussion ensued regarding the benefit this year of marking the items in the store and having a shorter list; RYPAC help; not coinciding with the Komen Three-Day Walk; organizing the volunteers; running out of items; two separate lists; Boy Scout popcorn sales; finding more volunteers; and coordination.

Eastside Welcoming Week

Mr. Bien stated that the kickoff was on September 16, 2016, at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse; a joint proclamation signed by five eastside Mayors was read; the next Welcoming Week will be September 17-25, 2017; and it is a nationwide initiative to create more welcoming communities through activities and dialogue.

General discussion ensued regarding intentionality of inclusiveness; dedicated event to celebrate diversity in the City; Redmond Lights celebration; and cultural and generational issues.

Human Services Preparation for Joint Study Session

Mr. Bien stated that on October 25, 2016, the Human Services Commission will present their recommendations for funding. The process and the rationale in making the decisions will be discussed.

General discussion ensued regarding items to be covered during the joint meeting and some community members would like the City to increase funding to Human Services.

Downtown Park Update

Ms. Maxine Whattam, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ms. B. Sanders, Senior Planner, and Ms. Lisa Singer, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the Downtown Park:

- peat removal and backfill is in process;
- a temporary berm will go in for support in areas where the peat can't be removed;
- hydro seeding the site;
- couplet conversion contractor will continue to use part of the site for staging;
- the construction of the park will go out to bid in January 2017;
- the project will go to the Council for award approval on February 21, 2017;
- the contract for the fabrication of the pavilion and a resolution waiving the competitive bidding process will go to the Council for approval on December 6, 2016;
- budget is on track;
- design of the pavilion; and
- outreach with residents, businesses and contractors.

General discussion ensued regarding coordinating traffic routes; art grants; change in project scope; and providing handouts for the Downtown Park and other projects.

Redmond's Community Centers Update

Ms. Carolyn Hope, Parks Planning and Cultural Arts Administrator, stated that they are working with core stakeholders group and they have an approved brand for the project.

General discussion ensued regarding people interested in joining the stakeholders group.

Redmond Lights Preview

Ms. Rachel Van Winkle, Recreation Program Administrator, provided a preview on Redmond Lights:

- looking for three new artists to create and install art installations;
- craft show at the Senior Center;
- incorporating participatory activities;
- partnerships and sponsorships;
- changes to the layout;
- ending location;
- event map onsite; and
- working with organizations to gain volunteers.

General discussion ensued throughout regarding incorporating art into the City's infrastructure; holiday market selection; cost for sponsoring burn barrels; and projections on buildings.